

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 80

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Senator Doug Overbey on receiving the 2011 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is State Senator Doug Overbey, recipient of the 2011 Community Leadership Award, conferred upon him by Leadership Blount for his many contributions to his community; and

WHEREAS, all recipients of the Community Leadership Award must demonstrate a sustained commitment to leadership in Blount County, and Senator Overbey has served the good people of Blount County through numerous public service positions. In addition to his astute service as the State Senator for the Eighth Senatorial District, Senator Doug Overbey stood for eight years as the State Representative for the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and, prior to his election to this august body, served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the United States Highway 321 Commission, a member of the Blount County Planning Commission, a member of the Tennessee County Services Association Board of Directors, a Blount County Commissioner, and as president of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association; and

WHEREAS, exercising his leadership capabilities in a variety of ways, Senator Overbey is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, which he has served as a Senior Warden and member of the Vestry. He also dedicated his time and talents to several positions in the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee, among them the position of Chancellor; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of community involvement, Senator Overbey has held membership in a number of civic organizations and boards, including the Maryville College Board of Directors, the Maryville College Board of Church Visitors, the Maryville College Civic Arts Center Advisory Board, the Blount County Children's Advocacy Center Board of Directors, the SunTrust Bank East Tennessee Advisory Board, the Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation Board of Directors, the Success by Six Executive Committee, the Blount County Chamber Board of Directors, the Blount County Public Library Board of Directors, the East Tennessee Development District's Executive Committee, the board of the East Tennessee Human Resources Agency, and the Johnson Group Home for Girls Advisory Board, which he served as chair; and

WHEREAS, this graduate of the 2004 class of Leadership Blount is a trustworthy leader often sought for his guidance and instruction, and he has held numerous leadership positions throughout the years, including serving as the vice chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee; the president and president-elect of the Kiwanis Club of Maryville; the secretary/treasurer, president-elect, and president of the United Way of Blount County Board of Directors; the vice president, president-elect, and president of the National Kidney Foundation of East Tennessee Board of Directors; and the co-founder, legal counsel, and Board Member Emeritus of A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, deeply passionate about providing young people with the tools and guidance they will use to build successful lives, Doug Overbey has participated in a number of youth programs. He served as chair and treasurer of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Day School, as a member of the Executive Board of the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America, as a volunteer debate coach at Heritage High School, and as the founder of and volunteer coach for the speech and debate program at Maryville High School and he currently sits on the Board of Directors at Maryville College; and

WHEREAS, during his years with the General Assembly, Senator Overbey has supported the efforts of numerous youth groups and organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, Youth Leadership Blount, and the Jaycees' Model Youth Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senator Doug Overbey also generously donates his support to the Adult Education and Drug Court programs, often attending the graduation ceremonies of these organizations, and sends certificates of congratulation and encouragement to all G.E.D. program graduates; and

WHEREAS, his untiring concern for Blount County and its residents has led him, through the years, to foster economic development and job creation, on both the local and state level. As a county commissioner, he recruited several large business to Blount County and, as a legislator, he helped create the TNInvestco Program, which is being used as a model for the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, Doug Overbey has also lent his unwavering support to higher education and the arts, specifically to Pellissippi State Community College and to the Clayton Center for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Senator Overbey's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Doug Overbey is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and it is wholly fitting that he be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Senator Doug Overbey on receiving the 2011 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount, thank him for his tireless service to the people of Blount County and this State, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.